

Flo Ware Park Improvements

Summary Community Meeting #2

Tuesday, March 11, 2003, Central Area Senior Center 6:30 – 8:30 p.m.

Meeting purpose: to review planned park improvements and make final decisions for development.

Parks Planner Cathy Tuttle summarized the project timeline:

- January 28, 2003 Meeting #1 to define the improvement project
- March 11, 2003 Meeting #2 to review and make final decisions for park plan
- **April 15, 2003 Meeting #3 to review color choices, art elements, review final plans**
(this is the final community meeting)
- March 20, 2003 Design Commission review of park design and art
- Flo Ware Park improvements will be constructed in the fall of 2003

Parks Landscape Architects Randy Robinson and Shwu-jen Hwang presented the preferred alternative that has been reviewed and approved by Parks and other City departments. A copy of this alternative is on the web at:

<http://www.cityofseattle.net/parks/proparks/projects/floware.htm>

Fundraising timeline. There is enough budget to complete the park improvement project. The Friends of Flo Ware Park may try to secure additional funding to develop the ribbons or wall with Flo Ware deeds, quotes and stories. Fundraising will need to be completed by May 2003.

The following park elements were discussed:

Play equipment

Parks has tried to maintain the same play values in newest play equipment choices.

Community supported play equipment choices. Changes requested by community include:

- Overhead ladder instead of wheels or rings (ladder tall enough for 10-12 y.o.)
- Two slides important
- Spray play feature hookup provided. May check out at community center.
- See discussion of color choices below.

Park furnishings

- Matched furnishings – bench, game tables, picnic tables, wall seat will allow for easier replacement and repair
- Possibly bike rack, bollard
- Sign relocated to 28th
- Chess tables supported by SAFECO

Paving

- Concrete color and scoring pattern will depend on community choices, Seattle Transportation approvals
- Can hopscotch or pavement game of snail be added to concrete plaza?

Fence: Comments on 28th Ave. S. fence

- Is fence needed north of b'ball court? *Lack of fence will create desire path across lawn*
- Like fence to close in the back area. *Without it the passive space is lost*
- Fences are not cool. Don't like fence. *Fence keeps kids from running in street, balls from rolling out too.*
- Could shrubbery be used? *Problems with line of sight and maintenance*
- Parks will bring additional fence options to the April 15 community meeting.

Ribbon and seating wall art

- Can neighborhood kids be involved in the art process? Footprints in the concrete?
- Three community artists expressed interest in working on ribbon and/or seating wall art tiles. They will bring a proposal and cost estimate for additional art to April 15 meeting.
- Designers will research costs of colored concrete ribbon and brass letters

Entry art by Coyote Jr. High

- Coyote art is made by students with engineering and artist oversight
- Trapezoid shape would work better with curved entry but too costly to construct.
- Prefer columns to house. Column idea "goes with the flow."
- Columns take you on a journey into the park. A transition.
- Column idea is from Egypt
- Like columns with stories on them. Artist group is looking for textile patterns from other cultures to put into mosaics.
- Like idea of house better than columns.
- Worry about vandalism on entry art – throwing things up on it.

Color choices

- Discussion of bright primary colors ("we need to brighten up the 28th and Jackson corner) or red/black/green (African unity) theme.
- Do colors need to coordinate – concrete, play area, play equipment, and Coyote art piece? Coyote artist said "I am never one for having everything match."
- Red play equipment tends to fade.
- Coyote art may have muted earth tones reflecting mbari form
- Final decisions on play equipment, concrete and rubber surface colors to be made at April 15 meeting.

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